for provision of basic amenities in improving the slums in States/ Union Territories.

Moreover the National Housing and Habitat Policy envisages slum redevelopment and relocation where necessary by the State agencies.

Foreign Assistance for Hyderabad and Secunderabad

930. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh had discussions with World Bank and representatives of the Italian Government to seek financial assistance for poverty alleviation programme in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad;

(b) whether the State Government has constituted a task force to chalk out the programme to be taken up under this project;

(c) the total financial assistance World Bank has agreed to provide; and

(d) whether both World Bank and Italian Government have agreed to provide funds for meeting the financial aspect of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The World Bank and Italian government are in discussions with Government of Andhra Pradesh for a possible urban poverty reduction project. The scope of the project in terms of components and location will be finalized based on the strategy of Government of Andhra Pradesh and Banks' analytical activity on Urban Poverty.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has constituted a working group to formulate the State's Urban Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy.

(c) and (d) The financial terms of the project are yet to be finalized.